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FACILITIES FOR RETAIL AND SHOPPING MALLS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing any facilities and concessions for developing retail markets and shopping malls in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has carried out any study regarding the likely impact of such retail market and shopping malls on the small shopkeepers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY(SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b): Government does not provide any facilities / concessions for developing retail malls. However, there is no restriction on the entry of big corporate houses and other domestic investors in to the retail sector.

(c) to (e): Government has instituted a study to assess the impact of organized retailing on unorganized retail trade through Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER). The terms of reference of the study are at Annex. Government has also commissioned a study to the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) on Growth linkages of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India which would focus on the impact of FDI on rural economy. The final reports are yet to be submitted by these organisations.